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Differences of U.S., Canuck online culture

SURVEY Canadians aged 18-35 spend on average 27 hours per week on the Internet, according to a poll by Ipsos-Reid released yesterday.

Americans, by comparison, reported being "actively connected to the Internet" an average of 28 hours per week.

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2010 Olympics **Cheer campaign**

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Canadian long track speedskater Justin Warsylewicz gives Olympic mascot Quatchi a skating lesson at Canada Post's main Vancouver branch yesterday during a campaign kickoff to cheer on 2010 athletes. Story, page 2.

City hall belt-tightening

204 jobs to go through attrition in plan for zero tax increase

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Vancouver is trimming 58 jobs next year in order to avoid a hefty tax increase, city manager Penny Ballem said yesterday.

The job cuts, part of the city's shared service review, will continue for three years and will result in 204 jobs chopped from the books by 2012. This will be accomplished through attrition across every city department.

The $61-million shortfall, Ballem said, is the result of a decline in city revenues and an increase in salaries, debt and operating costs.

The city, which isn't allowed to run an operating deficit, would have to increase taxes by 11 per cent to meet the shortfall.

Ballem, who has been tasked with developing a plan for zero tax increase, said the city will move to consolidate its finance services, facilities, information technology and supply procurement.

Absenteeism

- City manager Penny Ballem said Vancouver city employees have an absentee rate that is 30 per cent higher than similar-sized organizations across the country.

Implementing the first phase of the service review — an exercise that took three-and-a-half months and engaged 1,500 employees — will save the city $10 million.

The review will be phased-in and will save $29 million over three years.

Despite the review, the city is still facing a budget deficit of almost $27 million, the equivalent of a five per cent increase in taxes.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said he wants to put all the numbers on the table and see Ballem's plan for zero tax increase.

"We need to find that balance of delivering the services that Vancouverites need and ensuring we keep taxes under control," he said.

Dozens die as tsunami hits Samoas

QUAKE A powerful Pacific Ocean earthquake spawned towering tsunami waves that swept ashore on Samoa and American Samoa, flooding and flattening villages, killing at least 39 people and leaving dozens missing.

Cars and people were swept out to sea by the fast-churning water as survivors fled to higher ground, where they remained huddled hours after the quake struck early yesterday. Signs of devastation were everywhere, with a giant boat washed ashore lying on the edge of a highway and floodwaters swallowing up cars and homes.

The quake, with a magnitude between 8.0 and 8.3, struck around dawn 190 kilometres from American Samoa, a U.S. territory that is home to 65,000 people.

Four tsunami waves four to six metres high roared ashore soon afterward, reaching up to 1.6 km inland, Mike Reynolds, superintendent of the National Park of American Samoa, was quoted as saying by a parks service spokesperson.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials hours later struggled to determine damage and casualties. At least 39 people were killed — 20 on Samoa and 19 on American Samoa — but officials acknowledged the death toll seemed sure to rise.

Acting American Samoa Gov. Faoa A. Sunia declared a state of emergency in American Samoa,

New Zealand's acting Prime Minister Bill English said any death tolls for the Samoas were only "guesses" so far.

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Photo with Blair comes at a price

Some people are paying more than $700 each for a chance to have their picture taken with former British prime minister Tony Blair, left, at the annual Surrey Regional Economic Summit next week, CBC News Online reports. Tickets are $400, but for an extra $300, guests get a seat at the front and a photo-op.

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Postcards to spread Olympic cheer

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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Speedskater and Olympic hopeful Brittany Schussler says she has been trained to win under any circumstances, but receiving words of support from her community gives her a boost.

"Knowing that people are cheering for us and want us to do well, it makes the hard days a little bit easier," Schlusser said yesterday.

Schlusser was at Canada Post's main Vancouver branch to kick off a new national campaign that lets Canadians send personal messages of encouragement to our Olympic athletes.

The initiative lets people cut out postcards printed on the back of Cheerios cereal boxes, write a note of encouragement, and send the message to Canada's Olympic and Paralympic teams.

Eventually, the postcards will be displayed on a Cheer Wall at the post office at Georgia and Homer streets.

"It's huge to have all that emotional support from Canadians," said skier and Whistler native Ashleigh McIvor.

Mary Traversy, with Canada Post, said the campaign provides "unequivocal support to all athletes competing in the 2010 Winter Games."

"It's truly beautiful to see such a simple idea ... send such a powerful message," she said.

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An artist's rendering of what the Vancouver post office at Georgia and Homer streets is going to look like during the Olympics.

Opinions of '10 post-office makeover:

"It does not look very professional. It's just that there is a lot of advertising, but I guess that is necessary. But they could have made it more sleek." Akemi Gardner, 24, Vancouver

"It looks like a cheesy iPhone ad, and it seems to me Cheerios must have spent a lot of money. You have to hand it to them though, it's going to sell." Chris Corno, 27, Vancouver

"My first reaction is bright and loud. I personally do not like it, it's a bit over the top, and I think that is because of the advertisements." David Phommavong, 29, Vancouver

"There is so much Cheerios all over it, it's not Canadian. I would like to see something more serious, more objective." Jennine Chang, 30, Richmond

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Abbotsford cops launch 2nd poster to curb gang activity

CAMPAIGN The second poster in a campaign to discourage youth from joining gangs was launched by the Abbotsford Police Department yesterday.

It came hours after a man with "an extensive history with police" was shot in the foot outside a marijuana grow-op in Abbotsford. While it's too early to tell if the shooting was targeted, police say it seems that way.

Drugs fuel the gang life, which, police say, needs to be debated with youth so they learn it could lead to an early death.

Poster No. 2 in Operation Tarnish: Taking the Shine off the Gang Lifestyle, shows a man's back with the words "gang thug" around a target.

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News in brief

UBC The University of British Columbia had a $10-billion impact on the provincial economy in 2008-2009, says a new study. Prof. Stephen Toope, UBC president and vice-chancellor, said the impact of the university's research translates into roughly five per cent of the province's economy. It also gives a return 10 times greater than the $1 billion Victoria invested in the school over that time period.

BODY Police yesterday made a public plea for help identifying the body of a man found in a burned-out car in Langley. The stolen white 1982 Camaro was found on fire on railway tracks near 208th Street on Sept. 23. The man is believed to have been 20 to 40 years old.

INVESTIGATION Leaders of the First Nations Summit are calling for an independent investigation into the death of Rodney Shane Jackson, 35, who was shot dead by Mounties near Hazelton on Sept. 26.

MURDER RCMP yesterday confirmed a man found dead in a Merritt park was murdered. Police had previously referred to the death of Nasir Ahmed Khokhar, 28, as suspicious. No suspects have been arrested and the cause of death has not been released.

PILOTS The Transportation Safety Board has red-flagged the issue of aging pilots but isn't making any specific recommendations after a small plane slammed into a Richmond high-rise two years ago. The board's report says the Piper Seneca most likely slammed into the building because the 82-year-old pilot was incapacitated in some way. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sinking demand holds up Burrard Inlet floating hotel
A plan to run a floating hotel in Burrard Inlet during the 2010 Games may be dead in the water because of low demand. Newwest Special Projects has reduced prices to $650 a night from $700 for one of 1,100 rooms on the Norwegian Star cruise ship. METRO VANCOUVER

'Seed of a better future'

Dalai Lama, Governor General rally 16,000 youth

A star-studded lineup more befitting an awards show than a youth-empowerment festival invaded Vancouver yesterday, as thousands of students and some influential celebrities gathered to mark We Day.

Dubbed "The Day We Change The World," the event called on students to combat local and global challenges and featured visits from Sarah McLachlan, actress Mia Farrow and activist Jane Goodall.

While McLachlan's performance drew loud cheers from the more than 16,000 students in attendance, it was the Dalai Lama and Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean that brought the crowd to its feet.

"You are the seed of a better future," the Tibetan spiritual leader told the attentive crowd. "Let us make this whole world (a) world of smiles. Then wherever we go, we see our friends and immediately you see friendship develop, trust develop."

The Dalai Lama warned that the 20th century was one of violence and urged the crowd to make the 21st century a peaceful one.

"Peace does not mean no longer any problem, no longer conflict. Some form of differences, some form of conflict, (is) always there," he said. "Now peace means when there is possibility of conflict or violence, using our common sense and ... compassion."

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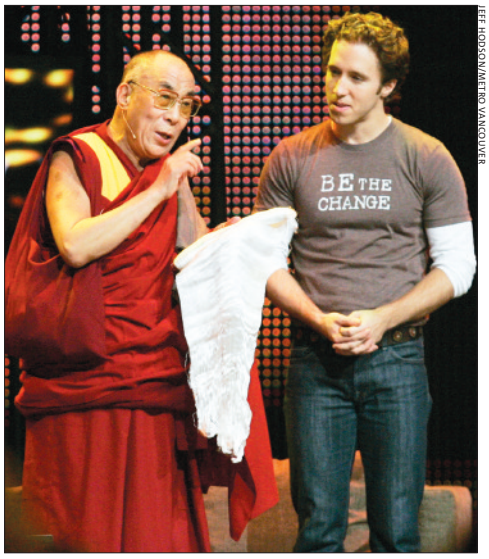

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The Dalai Lama presents Free the Children co-founder Craig Kielburger with a scarf at the third annual We Day at GM Place yesterday.

News in brief

HEALTH B.C. restaurants must limit the trans fat in all prepared foods after regulation restricting the artery-clogging substance kicked in today. All soft spreadable margarine and oil must be restricted to two per cent trans fat or less of total fat content and all other foods must be restricted to five per cent trans fat or less. B.C. is the first province in Canada to restrict trans fat in all prepared foods, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Ida Chong said yesterday in a release.

HOUSE FIRE A family in Port Coquitlam has lost their home after it was destroyed in a fire. No one was injured in the blaze that broke out on Glade Court on Monday night. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

SEX OFFENDER A high-risk sex offender has turned himself in to Vancouver police after he disappeared from Fort St. John, breaching his probation. Thomas Edward Wilkinson, 49, is on probation after serving a three-year sentence for sexual interference with a young girl.

ASSAULT Police are looking for two young men who pushed a 70-year-old woman to the ground and stole her purse in a Richmond parkade. The woman was not injured in Monday's assault.

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Electric carmakers seek federal help
A consortium of carmakers and experts has published a so-called road map to 2018, when they hope 500,000 electric vehicles will be buzzing along Canadian roads. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Con man nabbed at border

U.S. authorities say a con man who has made a living stealing from wealthy hotel guests around the world has been arrested in Vermont. Federal authorities say Juan Carlos Guzman-Betancourt was nabbed Sept. 21 at a gas station near the U.S.-Canadian border in Derby Line. They say that he told a U.S. Border Patrol agent his car broke down in Quebec and that he unknowingly walked across the border into Vermont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FLU The death of a Canadian school principal in Hong Kong has prompted the facility to issue reassurances that those attending classes at the school face no risk of an H1N1 outbreak. Alan Dick, 55, the Toronto-educated Lower School principal at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong, died in hospital Monday evening after falling ill Sept. 20.

SENTENCE A Canadian soldier who shot and killed his tentmate in Afghanistan in 2007 is facing a jail term of at least two years, a military judge said. Cmdr. Peter Lamont, who's hearing the case, postponed the sentencing against Cpl. Matthew Wilcox. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECOVERY Police divers were set to plunge into the Saint Lawrence River east of Montreal yesterday to recover the remains of two people killed in a plane crash nearly 16 years ago, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

New Brunswick **Grisly testimony**

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Rodney Miller is led from court in St. Andrew, N.B., yesterday. A New Brunswick court has been told that Miller, accused of killing a newborn in January, admitted to police he stabbed the boy through the heart and disposed of the body.

Tories eye chances in Liberal misfortune

Harper must be cautious about election: Pollster

This week's images of Prime Minister Stephen Harper riding the prow of a locomotive in Saint John, N.B., flanked by two gainfully employed rail workers, said it all about his government's current fortunes.

The Conservatives are rolling right along with their political agenda and message of economic recovery.

The opposition Liberals seem to have gone off the rails, at least for now.

The situation is tantalizing to some Conservatives, who as one party source put it are "always looking for opportunities" to elegantly orchestrate the demise of the Liberals.

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Pollster Doug Anderson says his research shows that's a dangerous game.

"The greatest significance you could project from this is, if you're going to be the party that causes an election — or if you really want one to happen — you don't want to suffer the blame," said Anderson, vice-president at Harris-Decima.

"So if the government wants one to happen, they have to be very delicate in how they make it happen."

Former Harper adviser Tom Flanagan, author of the book Harper's Team: Behind the Scenes in the Conservative Rise to Power agrees that triggering an election would most likely backfire on the Conservatives.

"Good government is good politics," Flanagan argues.

At least for now, Conservative tacticians are of the same view: keeping their powder dry is the best strategy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teens admit to murder plot

Two teens admitted they plotted to kill people at two Winnipeg high schools, the University of Manitoba and a church. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario files lawsuit against Big Tobacco

Ontario filed a $50-billion lawsuit yesterday against a group of tobacco companies over the health-care costs tied to smoking.

The suit, which had been planned under legislation introduced in March, claims damages for past and ongoing health-care costs.

The province claims tobacco-related costs currently total more than $1.6 billion per year in Ontario and that smoking accounts for the deaths of about 13,000 Ontario residents annually.

When he introduced the legislation in March, Attorney General Chris Bentley said that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for health-care costs if they are caused by the alleged wrongdoing of others. B.C., New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have all passed similar legislation.

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Previously...

- The first lawsuit against tobacco companies was pursued by four U.S. states in the mid-1990s, and led to the 50-state agreement in 1999 in which the industry agreed to pay $246 billion over a 25-year period for health-care costs that resulted from the use of its products.

Feds seek gag in prisoner inquiry

SECURITY Federal lawyers are trying to block government witnesses from testifying before a military watchdog investigating the treatment of Taliban prisoners in Afghanistan, The Canadian Press has learned.

The Justice Department has invoked national security and told the Military Police Complaints Commission, which is conducting the public interest inquiry, that subpoenaed witnesses will say nothing when hearings begin next month. It is the latest attempt by the Conservative government to shut down the investigation into claims by human rights groups that the Canadian army knowingly handed over insurgents to torture in Afghan prisons.

In a judgment released last week, the Federal Court gave the Justice Department a partial victory by limiting the scope of the inquiry to the actions of military police officers in Kandahar.

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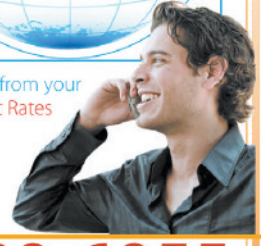

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World

Facebook pulls Obama assassination poll

Facebook yanked a poll this week about assassinating U.S. President Barack Obama (pictured is poster depicting Obama as the Joker from the Batman movie) after being contacted by the U.S. Secret Service. The poll was created by a third-party application and gave participants the option of responding yes, no, maybe or "if he cuts my health care." About 750 Facebook users voted on the poll before the web service disabled the entire application. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Storm continues deadly path

VIETNAM Typhoon Ketsana roared into central Vietnam yesterday, killing at least 41 people as it brought flooding and winds of up to 144 kilometres per hour, disaster officials said. Some 170,000 were evacuated from its path.

Ketsana left more than 240 dead in the northern Philippines as a weaker tropical storm. After gathering strength over the South China Sea, the typhoon made landfall in midafternoon. Two people in Quang Nam province were killed by falling trees, and another died when struck by a power line.

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Response

- UNICEF has provided $143,000 US in supplies to address the urgent needs of affected children and their families in the wake of the storm.

Protesters raped, shot dead in streets

Guinea's government said yesterday it would investigate why troops opened fire on protesters at a pro-democracy rally. A human rights group said 157 people were killed and more than 1,200 were injured.

While saying it would investigate, the government continued to maintain that the protest was illegal. It also said far fewer people died than reported. Hospitals were flooded with patients yesterday, and the death toll rose through the day.

Presidential guard troops fired on 50,000 people at the main football stadium Monday, shattering hopes that this West African country was shedding the yoke of dictatorship.

Some of those at the rally, upset that a military officer who seized power in a December coup might run for president in January elections, had chanted: "We want true democracy."

Capt. Moussa (Dadis) Camara's presidential guard opened fire, scattering panicked demonstrators, who left behind scores of dead. Opposition politician Mutarr Diallo said he witnessed soldiers raping women with rifle butts.

Eyewitnesses told New York-based Human Rights Watch that security forces stripped female protesters and raped them in the streets.

The rights group, citing eyewitness reports, said soldiers also stabbed protesters Monday with knives and bayonets.

Hardly anyone had heard of Camara, an army captain in his 40s, until his men broke down the glass doors of the state TV station Dec. 23.

He announced that the constitution had been dissolved and that the country was under the rule of a military junta.

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Kashmir **Heated protests**

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Kashmiris shout slogans against the government during a protest in Srinagar, India, yesterday. Police in Indian Kashmir fired tear gas shells and used coloured water cannons to disperse protesters demanding release of their salaries withheld for many months in the region, officials said.

News in brief

NUCLEAR Iran's nuclear chief said yesterday his country built its newly revealed uranium enrichment facility inside a mountain next to a military site to ensure continuity of its nuclear activities in case of an attack — an unusually detailed disclosure that may be intended to defuse international pressure. Details about the site have raised more suspicion that Iran's nuclear program is aimed at producing weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Likely German cabinet minister openly gay
Guido Westerwelle, the probable future German foreign minister in Angela Merkel's new government, is making no secret that he is gay, appearing in a major newspaper hugging his partner yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

IRAQ The top American general in Iraq is sending home thousands more U.S. troops by the end of October as the American military pulls back from the six-year war. Gen. Ray Odierno says in prepared congressional testimony that the number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq will total about 120,000 over the next month. He said that will mean there will be about 4,000 fewer troops than there are in Iraq now.
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General pleads for solution

The general who oversaw the ouster of President Manuel Zelaya implored all sectors of Honduran society to join in resolving the country's deepening crisis yesterday, a message that seemed aimed at calming an uproar over a government order suspending civil liberties.

Gen. Romeo Vasquez's comments came hours after interim President Roberto Micheletti said he would accept congressional calls for him to reverse the emergency decree suspending civil liberties that he had announced on Sunday.

But little had changed yesterday. Two critical broadcasters remained shuttered and police faced off with about 500 demonstrators who sat in the middle of a street after officers blocked them from marching.

Private sector

- Ousted President Manuel Zelaya says he is analyzing a proposal from Honduran business leaders to restore him to power and end the country's political crisis.

Micheletti also said he would allow an Organization of American States team whose arrival was blocked this weekend.

The OAS hopes to persuade the coup leaders to bow to international demands they reinstate Zelaya, who was arrested and expelled from the country on June 28.
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Key H1N1 flu mutation found

HEALTH Dutch scientists are reporting they have found a key mutation in several H1N1 flu viruses from the Netherlands, a mutation that in other flu viruses increases virulence. But they say the mutation doesn't appear to cause more severe disease with the novel H1N1 virus. The finding is being reported through the online disease alert system ProMed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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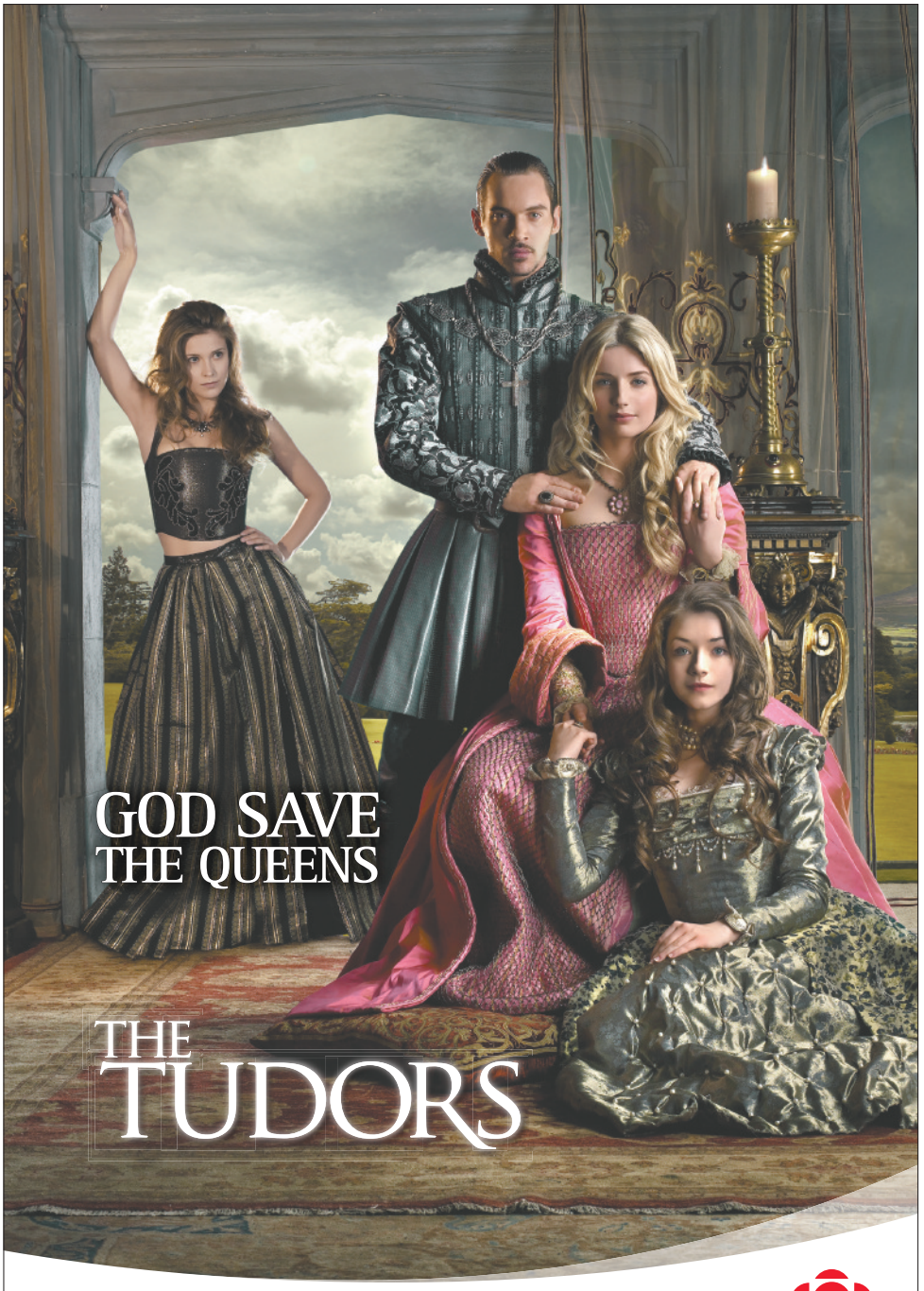

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Time to face the music

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Roman Polanski, director of Oscar-winning movies such as Chinatown and most recently The Pianist, has led the creepiest life.

He escaped the Holocaust, but not before serving as target practice for a squad of Nazis. Then he became a celebrated movie director, marrying beautiful starlet Sharon Tate. Then came the notorious Manson family attack in which pregnant Sharon was brutally and senselessly murdered. Obviously stricken by grief, Polanski had illegal sex with a 13-year-old girl, was arrested, fled the U.S., and spent the next 30 years on the lam. Finally, this week, lured into a sense of false security, he was captured after landing in Zurich to receive a lifetime filmmaking achievement award.

Someone should make a movie about this man's life.

We could call it Repulsion II. I'm still suffering nightmares from Repulsion I, which I saw at an impressionable age. Catherine Deneuve plays a woman whose fear of men leads to a psychotic breakdown and she slides over the edge into brutal murder. We are left to wonder what traumatic episode in her early life led her to fear men so.

Cut to the mid-'70s when Polanski himself, already a dirty old 43, plied 13-year-old Samantha Gailey with Quaaludes ('70s designer downers) and champagne and had sex with her, no doubt contributing to her fear of men.

Overnight, Polanski went from being the toast of Hollywood to toast. Rather than spend the rest of his weird life in jail, he repaired to France, where he remains a hero, along with Jerry Lewis and Mickey Rourke. Ah, the French.

But he wasn't counting on his Javert, Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, who waited in the weeds to bag his prey. Now it's an international incident.

Roman Polanski

The argument is the '70s were a different time. The sexual revolution led to any number of wretched excesses and the victim, now in her 40s, has forgiven Polanski and is part of the movement to have him freed.

But here's what I don't understand. In this day and age when it's considered a heinous crime for dirty old men even to look at pictures of underage girls, why should we give Polanski a get-out-of-jail free card? What kind of message are we sending? That if you're talented and celebrated, there's such a thing as justifiable evil?

Haven't we learned anything in 32 years? Raping and exploiting children are crimes. It doesn't matter who you are. It's time for this to stop and it's time for Polanski to face the music, and I don't mean piano lessons. They should get that, even in France.

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Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup this season?

Anu Powar
age 21, Abbotsford

A: I would be too bold to say the (Vancouver) Canucks even though they are (almost) undefeated in the pre-season. So I am going to say the Detroit Red Wings.

Del Chafe
age 33, Vancouver

A: I'm going to go with my work colleague because I respect his esteemed opinions and he says the Flames. I am going to say the Calgary Flames.

Sonia Sidhu
age 28, Abbotsford

A: The (Vancouver) Canucks are going to win. I think you have to support your home team.

Joe Del Priore
age 26, Toronto

A: St. Louis Blues ... They're a young and scrappy team ... Hard-working ... They've got a lot of heart.

Melissa Robinson
age 23, Ottawa

A: I don't know who's going to win, but I want Calgary to win. They're my favourite team.

Shane Lobb
age 25, Edmonton

A: The Detroit Red Wings, because they are just too good ... and they've won it too many times. It's a no-brainer.

Worth mentioning

Bone fragment was from woman, not Hitler: Scientists

A piece of skull with a bullet hole through it that Russian officials claimed belonged to Adolf Hitler actually came from a woman, scientists at the University of Connecticut concluded.

The cranium fragment is part of a collection of Hitler artifacts preserved by Soviet intelligence in the months after Hitler and Eva Braun reportedly committed suicide in a Berlin bunker in April 1945.

The collection, now housed in the Russian State Archive in Moscow, also includes bloodstained pieces of the sofa where Hitler reportedly shot himself after taking a cyanide pill. The artifacts were put on public display in 2000.

Connecticut archaeologist Nick Bellantoni was asked to examine the skull and blood samples for a History Channel documentary on Hitler's death that aired this month. Bellantoni said his initial forensic exam of the skull fragment showed it didn't match what he knew of Hitler's biology.

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DNA

• Linda Strausbaugh, a professor of molecular and cell biology, said she and two former students determined the DNA came from a 20- to 40-year-old woman. The skull fragment could have come from Eva Braun, but to know that, the lab would need samples of her DNA, she said.

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FDA delays ruling on cancer vaccine

British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline says the Food and Drug Administration has delayed making a decision on its vaccine for cervical cancer. The FDA was scheduled announce its ruling yesterday on whether to approve Cervarix, but a company spokeswoman says the review will continue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Starbucks unveils VIA brew

Java giant testing the market for its new instant coffee

Caffeine addicts across North America got first tastes of Starbucks Corp.'s newest offering as the coffee giant blanketed the nation with tens of thousands of free samples of its instant coffee called Via.

The beverage, which comes in a long cylindrical plastic sleeve and dissolves in a cup of water, debuted nationwide yesterday after months of preliminary sales in test markets.

The windows of Starbucks stores across Canada were plastered with signs announcing the arrival of Via as part of the chain's quest to convince customers that instant coffee — long viewed as inferior by U.S. coffee drinkers — can taste just as good.

Verdicts from an unscientific sampling of customers ranged from a tentative thumbs-up to serious skepticism.

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"I can't tell the difference," said Margaret Vazquez, 39, who lined up to try a sample in San Francisco's financial district Tuesday morning. "But that could be because it's the first coffee I've had today."

Nearby, Shay Jariya, 40, and coworker Peter Yerardi, 36, were less impressed.

"I think it's OK," Jariya said. "If you're going out to buy coffee, you want coffee, not a packet."

Yerardi praised Via for being "not as strong" as the company's standard brews, which some have criticized as being too harsh or bitter.

Backed by television ads — a rarity for the company — along with large-scale distribution to about 1,015 Starbucks stores in Canada, the Via launch shows just how determined Starbucks is to own a stake in the $21-billion US worldwide instant coffee market.

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Tourism spending still in a decline: StatsCan

REPORT Tourism spending in Canada fell 0.8 per cent in the second quarter, its fourth straight decline.

Statistics Canada says two factors figured in the slip — the cancellation of Canadian flights to Mexico after the outbreak of the H1N1 influenza virus and the implementation June 1 of more stringent document requirements at the U.S. border.

The agency reports spending by international visitors to Canada fell 1.6 per cent in the second quarter, the sixth straight quarterly decrease and the 15th decline in 18 quarters.

Tourism's gross domestic product contracted 1.1 per cent in the second quarter, its fourth straight quarterly decrease. Tourism employment fell 0.9 per cent.

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Local travel

- Canadians' spending on tourism in Canada fell 0.6 per cent in real terms in the second quarter after more modest declines in the previous three quarters.

Consumer confidence growing, says board

ECONOMY The Conference Board says consumer confidence in Canada is on the rise, increasing for the seventh straight month in September.

The monthly survey finds confidence rising in many of the key indicators, including sentiments among Canadians about their finances, job prospects and about their ability to make big purchases.

The index rose 2.5 points to 90.9 out of 100, the seventh consecutive monthly bump, something that has not happened since 2002.

As well, the percentage of consumers who said it was a good time to make a major purchase rose to the highest level in almost two years — 49.9 per cent.

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Banks to embrace smartphone use

The growing popularity of smartphones is expected to push up the use of mobile banking, allowing consumers to check balances, transfer money and pay bills.

In Canada, mobile banking is attracting small numbers of consumers who are essentially replicating their online banking habits.

Banks including RBC and Scotiabank offer the service and both say smartphones are key to its adoption.

While the Bank of Montreal says demand for mobile banking is still in its infancy and doesn't offer it, it's watching it with interest.

IDC Canada analyst Kevin Restivo said a lot of Canadians still don't have access to the web on their mobile phones and that's holding them back from trying the service. "In the short term, it's very new to Canadians," said Restivo, who follows mobile devices and their applications.

Smartphones allow consumers to surf the Internet, access email, watch video, play games and run applications such as stock trading platforms and airline boarding information. In the next few years, mobile banking should become more popular as more consumers get smartphones and wireless network speeds increase making the experience easier, Restivo said.

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Automakers to give repair shops software access

AUTO Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement says automakers have agreed to allow independent garages to access the key software needed for them to repair newer-model cars.

Clement says the voluntary agreement over what is called the right to repair, will make for more competition and lower bills for consumers.

He says repairing modern vehicles is often more about computers than nuts and bolts and this agreement will give independents access to diagnostics and training.

The deal should be fully in place by next May, the minister says.

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Winemaking Gritty spaces the new Napa

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Winemaker Shauna Rosenblum sits atop barrels at Rock Wall Wine Company in Alameda, Calif. The winery is located in a hangar that was once used to paint fighter jets at the former Alameda Naval Air Station. The painting at left depicting women winemakers dates from the Second World War and was found at the naval station.

Business in brief

INTERNET Canadian companies faced more computer attacks in the past 12 months, which cost companies almost twice as much to fight, according to a study released Tuesday, CBC News Online reports. A survey of 600 information technology professionals compiled by Telus Corp. and the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto showed that the number of attacks jumped to 11.3 per organization in the past year, up from three in 2008. In addition, the cost per organization to fight these attacks has also almost doubled to $834,000. METRO NEWS SERVICES

CFL Hall of Famer Nettles dies
Ray Nettles, a member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, died Tuesday after a battle with cancer. He was 60. During a nine-year career, Nettles played with B.C., Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Pennington done for season

The Miami Dolphins have made it official — quarterback Chad Pennington is out for the season. Pennington was placed on the reserve-injured list to create a roster spot for quarterback Tyler Thigpen, acquired yesterday from the Kansas City Chiefs for an undisclosed draft pick. Pennington likely faces a third operation on his right shoulder since 2005. He was hurt in a loss Sunday at San Diego that left Miami at 0-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turkoglu resting after busy summer

Long playoff run, playing for Turkey leaves new Raptor feeling tired

Hedo Turkoglu even sounded tired.

One of the biggest pieces to the Raptors' roster puzzle this season sat quietly at courtside yesterday, his shoulders hunched over in a bulky black sweatshirt.

Turkoglu, acquired in a blockbuster four-team trade in the off-season, is resting through the early part of training camp after a long run through the playoffs last season with Orlando and then a busy summer spent playing for Turkey.

And by all appearances, he needs it.

"It was very busy," Turkoglu said, his voice lacking any semblance of energy. "Right now I'm just trying to manage myself and try to look for the long picture and try to be more fresh and more healthy for the long coming season. I don't want to be like this, but in the end it will be the best for the Raptors."

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The Raptors acquired the 30-year-old Turkoglu from Orlando in July, a deal that not only gave Toronto some financial room to move but also a veteran player known for his versatile game.

Turkoglu is coming off a career season that saw him lead Orlando to the NBA finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. He averaged 16.8 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.9 assists and started in 77 regular-season games.

He shone in the post-season, scoring a career playoff-high 29 points against Cleveland.

He followed up the NBA season by playing for Turkey in the recent European championships.

Now, he could just use some rest.

"There's no point beating him down in October here, after the summer that he had and the last four months that he's played, all the way back to June, pretty intense basketball," said Raptors coach Jay Triano.

"We're just going to ease him back in and make sure we don't wear him down."

Turkoglu also has nagging knee pain from what Colangelo said was quadriceps tendinitis, and so will spend much of camp in the physio room

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Canucks send Hodgson back to junior team

HOCKEY The Vancouver Canucks returned centre Cody Hodgson to the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League yesterday, putting on ice the former first-round draft pick's hopes of starting the season with the NHL club.

Cody Hodgson

There were high hopes that Hodgson, the Canadian Hockey League's top player last year, would earn a spot with the Canucks.

However, the 19-year-old from Markham, Ont., suffered a bulging disc during summer training, an injury which kept him out of any contact drills for the first part of training camp. Once healthy, Hodgson failed to impress with his play.

The Canucks picked Hodgson with the 10th overall selection in the 2008 draft. He is too young to play in the American Hockey League until the season is over for his junior team.

Hodgson had 92 points (43 goals, 49 assists) in 53 regular season games with Brampton last year. He added 31 points in the playoffs as Brampton advanced to the OHL final.

When his junior season was over, Hodgson joined the Manitoba Moose, Vancouver's AHL farm team, and had four points (2-2) as Manitoba lost in the Calder Cup final.

Hodgson also was part of the Canadian team that won the gold medal at the world junior championship. He led the tournament with 16 points (5-11) in six games.

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AL Central race heats up

BASEBALL Justin Verlander kept the Detroit Tigers on top in the AL Central, pitching eight innings in a 6-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins last night that salvaged a split of their critical doubleheader.

Detroit increased its division lead to two over Minnesota, which won the day game 3-2 in 10 innings, with two games left in the series and five to go in the regular season.

Detroit, coming close to falling into a tie for the division lead, finished the day in the same position it was at the start of the doubleheader, delighting the crowd of 30,240.

If the Tigers can beat the Twins today and tomorrow, they'll win their first division title since 1987. If Detroit doesn't take the next two games at home, the AL Central won't be decided until the weekend — or early next week.

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Detroit Tiger Gerald Laird is hit by a pitch by Minnesota Twins pitcher Nick Blackburn in Detroit yesterday.

With Shaq gone, Suns look to speed

NBA With the failed Shaquille O'Neal experiment in their rear-view mirror, the Phoenix Suns plan to put the pedal to the metal and hope for the best.

The Suns begin training camp with "a clear vision of how we're going to play," according to Canadian point guard Steve Nash.

That would be fast and furious, just like in the days when Mike D'Antoni was coach.

Steve Nash

"This year I think it's going to be much clearer as to who we are and how we're going to play," Nash, a Victoria native said Monday. "And that's going to allow us to build a chemistry and believe in one another."

Phoenix failed to make the playoffs for the first time last season since 2004 in a tumultuous season that saw new coach Terry Porter fired at the all-star break and replaced with assistant Alvin Gentry, who is returning the team to D'Antoni's high-flying style.

There also was the trade of Boris Diaw and Raja Bell to Charlotte for Jason Richardson and Jared Dudley, and the serious eye injury that required surgery and sidelined Amare Stoudemire for the final 29 games of the season.

Considering all that happened, Nash said, "It's not that remarkable that we didn't make the playoffs."

O'Neal and his hefty salary were traded to Cleveland, leaving newcomer Channing Frye and Robin Lopez to hold down the centre position.

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The Phoenix Coyotes signed veteran centre Robert Lang to a one-year contract yesterday. Terms of the contract were not disclosed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

SOCCER Liverpool lost at Fiorentina in the Champions League yesterday, while Barcelona won its first game.
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Anticipation high for Vikings-Packers game

NFL For the Minnesota Vikings, a Monday night matchup against the Green Bay Packers is about as big as a regular-season game gets.

"All you've got to do around here is say Packer week and everybody gets excited," cornerback Antoine Winfield said.

When they're playing for first place in the NFC North at the quarter mark on the schedule, well, the intensity will only increase.

When Brett Favre happens to be the Vikings' new quarterback, the public interest in this rivalry is on the verge of explosion.

"I have no idea what you're talking about. It's just a regular game to me," linebacker Ben Leber said.

He kept his straight face for, oh, a few seconds.

"This is probably the most anticipated game I think, for a regular-season game, that I've ever been a part of," Leber said.

Winfield claimed he heard ABC was considering postponing the popular Dancing With The Stars show this Monday to avoid losing too many viewers to partner network ESPN.

"Everyone will be watching the Monday night game," Winfield said.

This is NFL-style hype at its highest form.

"It will be ridiculous. I love it," guard Anthony Herrera said, adding: "It's personal for Brett. It's personal for us. They're going to come after him."
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Blue Jays spoil Boston's night

MLB RESULT
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Adam Lind hit three of Toronto's six homers to lead the Blue Jays to an 8-7 victory over the Red Sox and spoil Boston's hopes of clinching a playoff berth for the second consecutive night.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Red Sox, who would clinch the AL wild-card berth with their next win or the next Texas loss. The Rangers played the Los Angeles Angels later Tuesday night.

The Red Sox scored five times with two outs in the eighth inning to cut a six-run deficit to 8-7, but Jason Frasor got the last four outs for his 11th save.

Lind is the first Blue Jay to hit three homers in a game since Frank Thomas in 2007.
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Rockies win

- Pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning to give the Colorado Rockies a 7-5 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers last night. The Rockies widened their National League wild card lead to three games over Atlanta with five games remaining.

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MADD across country
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada and Allstate Insurance Company have kicked off a cross-country tour to alert young people to the deadly consequences of impaired driving. The tour includes MADD Canada's 2009-2010 High School Multi-Media Assembly Program. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive

2010 CR-V priced
Honda has announced the redesigned 2010 CR-V, which is now on sale at a starting price of $27,790, unchanged from 2009 pricing. The CR-V's 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine now puts out 180 horsepower but with improved fuel economy ratings. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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XC60 a sweet little machine

Volvo crossover perfect blend of style and safety

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

2010 Volvo XC60

Type: CUV
Price: from $45,495.
Engine: Turbocharged 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder "T6" engine
HP: 281

Highlights

- Comfortable and stylish
- City Safety — collision prevention technology

An all-new model for 2010, the Volvo XC60 is just about everything you could want in a crossover-style vehicle: Comfort, performance, relative practicality and gorgeous styling in a tight little package.

Currently, the XC60 comes strictly with a turbocharged 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder "T6" engine, producing 281 horsepower, and with all-wheel drive, starting at $45,495.

That will eventually change, though; Volvo will add a 235-horsepower, non-turbo six-cylinder that will come in front-wheel-drive for $39,995, or in all-wheel, with several other upgrades, for $44,495. The T6 model will then increase to $49,995, but will also have several other top-of-the-line features added to it. As with all Volvo models, options can very quickly push those prices considerably higher.

The XC60 is based on a shortened version of the platform used in the S80 sedan, which also makes it a cousin to the Volvo V70 and XC70.

The turbocharged engine is smooth and powerful, but it is thirsty, returning only 12.4 L/100 km (23 mpg) in everyday driving for me. By published figures, the BMW X3, Acura RDX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and Volkswagen Tiguan all do better. The upcoming non-turbo model should improve on that; in the meantime, the T6's appetite is partially offset by its only needing 87-octane fuel.

Volvo chose the XC60 to debut its new City Safety, which is offered as standard equipment. The company says that 75 per cent of all collisions occur at speeds below 30 km/h, mostly caused by drivers not paying attention in parking lots or stop-and-go traffic. City Safety, which can be shut off if not wanted, uses a laser to measure the distance to the vehicle in front. Active at speeds of between 4 and 30 km/h, the system first pre-charges the brakes, reduces the throttle, and illuminates the brake lights. If the driver is still oblivious, the system jams on the brakes and brings the car to a stop — quite late in the travel, and with jarring force that'll "learn ya" for next time. Be aware, though, that the system can only detect wide objects such as other vehicles; it's still up to you to avoid knocking over pedestrians.

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The XC60 is gorgeous inside, with heated leather seats, soft-touch plastics, wood trim, metallic accents, and an optional cargo system that lifts up and contains hooks to hold grocery bags, or pulls up to reveal divided cubbies.

Both the rear seats and the front passenger seat fold for extra cargo capacity. Gorgeous, fun-to-drive and all-day comfortable, this is one sweet little machine.

Watching over drowsy drivers

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

You know how dangerous it is to drink and drive. What you may not know is that it can be just as deadly to drive when you're tired — the reason for Mercedes-Benz's Attention Assist.

Standard on the 2010 E-Class and S-Class, and likely to appear in other models in future, the system alerts the driver when it detects the early signs of drowsiness. It's estimated that a sleepy driver is a factor in more than 100,000 crashes in North America each year. And while you may think long-haul truckers are the most likely candidates, they only account for about one per cent of those crashes. The rest are mostly regular drivers who got some shut-eye at the wheel.

"There are highly-detailed sensors that measure 70 parameters."
Miki Velemirovich of Mercedes Benz

"Mercedes-Benz wanted to develop a system unique to it and to the segment," says Miki Velemirovich, E-Class product manager. "There are highly-detailed sensors that measure 70 parameters. In the first 20 minutes of driving, a profile of the driving behaviour is recorded into the management system."

Once the system has "learned" how you drive, it continually monitors your steering inputs to ensure you're not deviating from that. Specifically, it's looking for something common to drowsy drivers: veering slightly off course, and then a small correction. This can indicate a driver who's dozing off, who realizes the car is leaving its lane, and then moves the steering wheel to bring it back. Drive like this, and the system chimes to get your attention, flashing a large coffee cup symbol in the instrument cluster.

Mercedes-Benz isn't the only manufacturer offering such a system. Saab's system, called Driver Attention Warning, uses tiny infrared in-car cameras that focus on the driver's eyes and measure the rate of blinking. If the driver's eyes are closed for too long, the car emits a warning.

Velemirovich says that focusing on vehicle movement is preferable. "A camera can't work if the driver wears sunglasses, or depending on the eye structure of certain people, it won't detect it," he says.

If Attention Assist senses you are too tired to drive, a coffee cup lights up in the instrument cluster.

Driving Force

Metro Workology exclusive: Skilled Trades

For the month of September, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the extremely lucrative and soon to be booming employment sector of skilled trades. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

uSask gone to the dogs

Last Friday, the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine welcomed 77 students to its four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. The Class of 2013 is the largest first-year class in the college's history.

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The wire and pipe masters

Skilled Trades

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Experienced, professional trades people make all the difference when good work needs to be done — especially when it comes to electrical and plumbing work. Meet two masters of their chosen trade:

ELECTRICIAN

You may have seen electrician Sandy Ragno and his talented team on the hit show Holmes on Homes but most of the time, good electrical work goes relatively unseen.

Ragno, 51, runs Solo Electric Ltd. in Toronto and has had to use his skills to correct a lion's share of shoddy, dangerous electrical work. He got into the electrical trade after realizing sitting in a classroom wasn't his thing.

"My first move was to try university but I didn't care for it much because I'm a hands-on kind of guy," Ragno said.

Instead, he did an electrician's apprenticeship at Humber College in Toronto and started his own business at the age of 22, employing licensed help before he himself had even gotten licensed.

While plenty of young people are entering the field, Ragno says the work isn't cut out for everyone as being a good electrician is as much about creative problem-solving as it is about technical skills.

"You have to be mechanically inclined — you have to be able to look at things and know how they work to diagnose problems. We can train almost anybody at it but once you get into a little troubleshooting, that's when minds go blank," Ragno said.

PLUMBER

Bill Reid, 60, owns and operates Reid Brothers Plumbing and Heating Ltd. in Vancouver and has built a career doing something he never originally thought he'd do as a job.

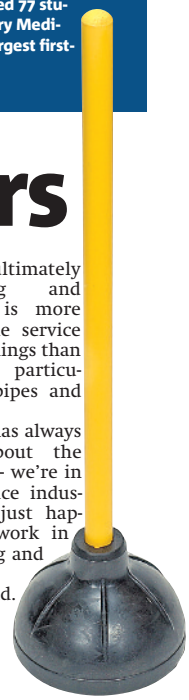
He learned to install pipe when he was just 12 but tried various careers after completing a Bachelor of Science degree, including a two-year stint in accounting, before realizing he preferred working with his hands.

Reid completed his plumbing internship with the British Columbia Institute of Technology and co-founded Reid Brothers with his brother in 1976. Since then the company has grown to 31 employees and quotes more than 60 jobs each month, an example of the strength of the plumbing and heating service industry in general.

"From 2002 until today essentially there has been no slowdown in our work. It's a business that largely just repeats on its own — we don't have to do a lot of advertising," Reid said.

All of Reid's years of experience have taught him that ultimately plumbing and heating is more about the service side of things than just the particulars of pipes and bolts.

"This has always been about the people — we're in the service industry, we just happen to work in plumbing and heating," Reid said.



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WorkplaceLaw

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In my column last week, I reviewed how Canadian workplaces have adapted to the ban on mandatory retirement. Many have found ways to subvert the legislation by creatively finding ways to transition older employees into retirement. Employees should focus on the following:

- **SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENTS:** In a case I recently argued, the court awarded an older employee greater severance than his younger counterpart despite having worked for less time. Courts have consistently held that an employee's older age should translate into a greater severance entitlement. Even short-term employees will receive significant payouts where they may not be able to promptly reemploy due to their age. This is because it is presumed that an older employee will have more difficulty securing reemployment. Similarly, older employees cannot be targeted for termination, downsizing or layoffs, due to concerns about productivity or accommodation.
- **INSURANCE POLICIES:** Upon termination, employers and their benefits insurers are required by legislation to keep all benefits, including life and disability insurance available for a defined period of time. Not all companies comply. Similarly, older employees should be given the option of converting from a group insurance plan to an individual plan upon termination.
- **BENEFITS:** Sick leave plans that make benefits unavailable based on age have been found to be discriminatory.
- **PERFORMANCE REVIEWS:** Older employees cannot be selected for criticism, demotions or accused of failing to produce if the assessment of these criteria is related to age. Naturally, as performance reviews are unlikely to overtly mention an employee's age, indirect or subjective criteria can also be improper. In a recent case, the court found that workplace changes should be considered under the lens of the employee's ability to adapt, and as older workers may have a more limited ability to respond to new work or efforts to be retrained, employers may have to accommodate them in ways that were not previously contemplated.
- **DUTY TO ACCOMMODATE:** Older employees are entitled to accommodation for any age-related illnesses, or perceived illnesses, which would even include flexible scheduling in order to attend doctor's appointments, working from home and job sharing arrangements.

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New Algoma U ad campaign draws complaints from students
Many Algoma University students are complaining regarding the institution's new ad campaign targeting Toronto-area students, which reads: "Put 681 km between you and 'You're not going out in that!'" while depicting a bare midriff. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Didn't you get the memo?

Managers say they are communicating better and more often with their employees now versus one year ago, a new survey shows.

Unfortunately, their teams may not be getting the memo. Sixty-nine per cent of executives interviewed said messages to employees have become more frequent, and 56 per cent believed communication is of higher quality. Yet, only 37 per cent of workers polled agreed there's been a boost in the rate of corporate updates, and only 38 per cent felt information has improved.

The surveys were developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. They were conducted by an independent research firm.

Executives and workers were asked, "How would you say the quantity of communication from management to employees at your company has changed in the past 12 months?" and "How would you say the quality of communication from management to employees at your company has changed in the past 12 months?"

"During times of change, companies must be able to share information quickly and often," said Robert Hosking, executive director of OfficeTeam. "The good news, in light of this difficult economy, is that most employers have increased staff outreach. What is less encouraging is that this communication may not be as effective as it could be."

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Ground broken in Ontario
Several post-secondary schools in Ontario have held groundbreaking ceremonies recently for projects that have received money from a provincial grant. METRO NEWS SERVICES

One monster of a career

Past census reveals lunatic keepers, idiots as jobs

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

People go to university to become lawyers, doctors and executives. It's doubtful they go to become "monsters"; but to each their own.

It comes as no surprise that people want careers that pay well and allow them to make their mark on the world … and what better way to leave an imprint than a Mercedes-Benz parked in front of a mansion?

Of course, things weren't always this way. People used to slug it out as Monsters and Lunatic Keepers. For real.

Take John Corbett, for example. In the 1901 Census, Mr. Corbett listed his occupation as a "lunatic keeper." Not to be outdone, Mr. Robert Hosking cited his day job as a "monster." It'd be a safe bet to say there was no Mercedes in either of their driveways.

That nomenclature might not hold up today. According to Karen Peterson, spokesperson for Ancestry.ca, Mr. Corbett was likely employed at some kind of mental health institution. And Mr. Hosking? Well, it's likely he just didn't like to be bothered.

Though lunatic keeper was listed as a profession in the 1901 census, it's likely that the person worked at some kind of mental health institution.

But no matter what the job title was, folks like Mr. Corbett and Mr. Hosking have a lot to offer about the history of our country.

"From a personal history perspective, these stories are incredibly rich. They create a legacy" says Peterson.

After all, we all came from somewhere. And that place serves as a reminder that things weren't always as they are today.

"It's fun to see that these true stories exist," she says. "They show how the nation has developed."

For example, in 1901 there wasn't the heavy emphasis on education that there is today. There were 30,000 "saloon keepers," compared to only 1,000 doctors. That's quite the discrepancy for a population just over five million.

If you needed to see a doctor at the turn of the century, you'd better have brought a great book along because you would've had quite the wait on your hands.

In 1901 there was roughly one doctor for every 5,000 patients. In comparison, these days — where every 531st Canadian has a doctor. The times, they have a-changed.

Witch, pig nurse...

- Ancestry.ca took a look at some of the most interesting job titles. Their findings:
- Lunatic Keeper
- Criminal
- Idiot
- Beggar
- Witch
- Monster
- Pig Nurse
- There were also some interesting notes that tell us a lot about our nation's history and where we came from. Here are some more facts found by ancestry.ca:
- In 1901 most common job was a labourer. It was more than twice as common as it is now.
- In the time between the mid-nineteenth century and the First World War, only 40,000 listed themselves as teachers. Most of whom were women.
- Some of the most common jobs in Canada during the mid-nineteenth century and the First World War were bankers, nurses and merchants. In 2006, the top occupational fields were education, science, food service and administration work.

Little change coming for fourth-quarter hiring: CFOs

EMPLOYMENT Most financial executives plan to maintain their current accounting and finance staff levels in the fourth quarter, according to the Robert Half International Financial Hiring Index. Eighty-four per cent of chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed said they will take no hiring actions before the end of the year. Four per cent of respondents expect to add full-time employees while 10 per cent foresee cutbacks, up from 8 per cent who forecast personnel reductions last quarter.

The Robert Half International Financial Hiring Index is based on telephone interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs across the United States. It was conducted by an independent research firm and developed by Robert Half International.

"Organizations appear to be exercising caution before adding full-time staff until there are signs of a sustained recovery," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "At the same time, companies recognize that carefully chosen accounting and finance professionals are critical to their efforts to management."

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Entrepreneurs vie for cash in the Dragons' Den

Dragons'Den

It takes guts to appear on a reality show. Just like it takes guts to try and get a job — or keep a job — in today's helter-skelter economy.

You can see what I mean on tonight's season premiere of Dragons' Den, the program I host on CBC. If you've never seen it, the premise is simple: Eager, cash-hungry entrepreneurs pitch for an investment from a panel of wealthy Canadian business moguls.

These "pitchers" as we call them, are trying to win a deal, not a job, but the process is similar. They have to make a good first impression, offer something valuable, describe it in an enticing way and answer a series of tough questions — all the while attempting to appear calm and confident. Not easy, especially when television cameras surround them while they face down five sharp-minded operators (or if you really need that job or promotion).

It's fascinating to watch how people react under pressure — some literally sweat buckets while others are so slick and composed, it's amazing.

In the Den, it's fairly easy to see who came prepared, and who did not. Some pitchers have their numbers down cold — they can tell the Dragons the size of the market, the number of big competitors and their profit margins. Others are all flash — a glitzy demo that does not offer much in the way of business savvy.

I'm sure potential employers see the same thing. I know I did when I was hiring for programs in the past. Some applicants do their research — they know what Job No. 1 is for your organization and have thought hard about how to show that their qualities match the job requirements.

You may learn something from the wide variety of pitching styles on tonight's episode — some good, some bad, some ugly. Questions from the Dragons include some about crabs in the nether region and the appeal of an eco-friendly approach to wiping in the bathroom. There are plenty of intriguing new business ideas too — Canada is bursting with creativity.

And when entrepreneurs do manage to convince these well-connected business titans to invest — they could soon be hiring, creating more jobs.

And that, too, takes guts.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

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SFU to join NCAA earlier
Simon Fraser University sports teams will compete in Division II of the National Collegiate Athletics Association next fall — a year earlier than originally planned. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Making the engines hum

Skilled Trades

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It's amazing how some things can go so fast without actually going anywhere at all.

Cars, along with people on treadmills, just happen to be one of these things. That's part of the reason why being a mechanic can be such a great career choice. Cars aren't going anywhere for a long, long time.

"I'm not worried about my job (in this economy)," says automotive technician Justin Gullison. "There's always going to be cars to fix. Cars aren't going anywhere. It's an amazing trade to get in to."

Gullison, 22, is a mechanic specializing in Chryslers. He attended Centennial College's Automotive program. Immediately upon graduation, he was hired to a full-time position.

Mechanic is a safe career choice, if you want job security.

In fact, Centennial offers a Chrysler-specific program for students where they learn exclusively about Chrysler models and work on Chrysler cars.

Peter Woodall, the chairperson of Centennial's Automotive and Motorcycle program, says that since the program's inception in 2005 nearly every graduate has landed a full-time job in the field.

"Career wise, history has shown that good technicians always find employment," says Woodall. "Likely, this will continue."

This year a new program took flight in conjunction with the Toronto Auto Dealers Association. This program, explains Woodall, will teach students to learn on a variety of automobiles that are members of the dealers' association. They will then be given the opportunity to apprentice at any one of a number of participating dealerships.

"We have high hopes for this program, in terms of employment opportunities," he said. "The dealers have absolutely no reservations about accommodating students."

"It's very fulfilling when you fix a car," says Gullison. "You feel good inside."

He says it's very satisfying when a person comes in with a car problem and he has to use his skills and training to figure out what it is, and fix it. It lets him use his brain to produce results, while giving the customer comfort that the problem can be fixed. He says he loves the challenge of the job, and is always curios to learn new things.

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Travel

Rock on

For the first time, the Hope Diamond, the world's best-known blue diamond, is on display without its ornate setting at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The 45.5-carat, walnut-size diamond will be on view by itself for several months while a new setting is prepared. Long rumoured to carry a curse, the diamond was mined in India and is believed to have been part of the French crown jewels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cooking up a storm in Chiang Mai

To really learn the secrets of making Thai cuisine, head overseas

NATHALIE FRASER
Metro World News

It's hard not to get excited about food when you walk through the bustling, fragrant streets of Chiang-Mai, in the foothills of Mount Doi Southep.

The city was also the first to offer tourists classes in the art of Thai cooking, when chef Sompon Nabnian set up his Thai Cookery School in 1993.

Sompon's establishment is still a favourite, with visitors flocking to the shady, open-walled compound outside the city centre to learn the basics — and more advanced tricks — of this deceptively elaborate cuisine.

A visit to the local covered market to buy fresh ingredients starts the day, and it's an inquisitive gourmet's dream to have the chef at hand to answer any questions about the mysterious fruit and vegetables on offer.

Back at the school, Sompon and his assistants demonstrate the dishes and students are then sent to their individual workstations to prepare them by themselves.

It's a cook's paradise: ingredients have been peeled, chopped and divided into portions, all you have to do is combine them in the wok (which is trickier than it sounds, as these are placed over powerful gas burners).

Left, a dish called Kaeng Khiao Wan Nuea. Right, a golden buddha statue at Wat Doi Suthep in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Left, a teacher and student prep ingredients at Thai Cookery School. Right, BuaLoi Phueak.

The red fish curry, spicy prawn salad Chiang Mai-style or steamed banana cake that you've created are then eaten at long tables, with conversation sparking up between the guests of different nationalities — German, Australian, American, British.

Many choose to follow a single day, but we opted for a longer course and enjoyed special attention from chef Sompon, whose sense of humour extends to laughing out loud when a student burns their curry paste with smoky results.

Not that you need to worry about poor results as an inexperienced cook —the beginners in our group often fared better than their friends or partners who considered themselves experts.

The only thing to worry about really is that cooking (and subsequently eating) six different dishes in one day means you're not always keen to sample more delicacies after class.

Chiang Mai highlights: Sunday Walking Street

As its name suggests, a street that is pedestrianized and transformed into a market, selling everything from desirable souvenirs to plastic knick-knacks. Plenty of food stalls too. A Saturday Walking Street also exists.

Anusan Night Market

If you still feel like sampling some local cuisine after a day's cooking, head for this food market featuring many stalls specializing in local specialities and seafood. It's right in the middle of the Night Bazaar, so you can shop and snack at the same time.

The Wats

You can't visit Chiang Mai without taking in some of the numerous Buddhist temples that also make it famous. Wat Phra Singh is the most famous, but lose yourself among the narrow streets of the walled city and you'll discover temples of all sizes and ages.

Good to know

Thai Cookery School, 47/2 Moon Muang Rd, Opp. Thae Phrae Gate, Chiang Mai, thaicookeryschool.com.

Where to stay: Tri Gong Residence has airy rooms with air-conditioning and teak furniture from 700 baht. Guests can use the outdoor cooking facilities to test their new skills; trigong.com.

Where to eat: The Wok restaurant is run by the same team as the Cookery School, if you feel like trying before you buy. 44 Th. Ratchamankha.

When to visit: The Thoi Krathong Festival during November's full moon (around Nov. 2) is a great time to visit. Winter months are sunny but agreeably cool due to Chiang Mai's altitude and Northern location.

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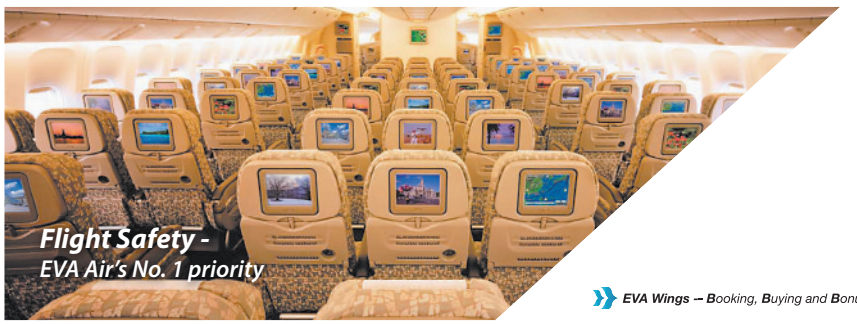

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In this 1958 photo, a champion waterskier performs a stunt with her foot on a towline at Cypress Gardens, Fla. The 73-year-old theme park ruled Florida in the days before Disney.

Cypress Gardens closes

Theme park was once a Florida must-see

Cypress Gardens, which reigned as Florida's grandest theme park in the days before Disney, has shut down while its owners try to sell the attraction.

The 73-year-old park, known for water-skiing shows, lush flower gardens and Southern belles in hoop dresses, has been shuttered after years of sagging attendance and ownership changes.

The current owner, Land South Adventures, said the park was no longer financially viable. The company said in a statement it "has explored numerous management frameworks and exhausted every possible approach to keep the park running in its traditional form."

The company said it was negotiating with several potential buyers.

Cypress Gardens, once a must-see for Florida visitors, was opened in 1936 by Dick and Julie Pope, and the family sold it in 1985. The property has been bought and sold several times since.

It was closed in 2003, then changed hands under a complicated deal that involved help from state and local government and a non-profit conservation group. In 2004, it was hit by three hurricanes and the owners were unable to reach a settlement with an insurance company to cover damages. The current owners bought it in October 2007 for $16.8 million US.

The park, in the small town of Winter Haven, Fla., southwest of Orlando, was closed again in November 2008 for renovations and opened in March, featuring its traditional botanical gardens, water park, water ski shows and concerts, but without the animal attractions and rides.

Cypress Gardens had about 100 employees when it closed, down from 700 to 800 in its heyday.

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Sunwing, Signature join forces

INDUSTRY PLAYERS Two of Canada's major vacation travel businesses are being combined. Sunwing Vacations will join forces with tour operator Signature Vacations and its retail division SellOffVacations.

Signature is owned by a U.K. company through First Choice Canada, which has been losing money over the past few years including $20 million in the first half of 2009.

Sunwing has been owned by the Hunter family of Toronto, which will retain control of the Canadian company in partnership with Signature owner TUI Travel PLC, which operates in approximately 180 countries worldwide.

As part of the deal announced yesterday, TUI Travel will contribute $101 million and its Canadian operations including Signature Vacations to the new venture. In return, TUI Travel will get a 25 per cent voting interest and 49 per cent ownership in the Sunwing Travel Group.

"The proposed amalgamation of tour operators will create a stronger company better able to compete against Canada's leading tour operators, while offering a broader range of travel destinations to the travelling public," said Colin Hunter, chairman and majority shareholder of the Sunwing Travel Group.

He said the proposed company will be in a position to improve its product range and offer competitive prices with increased efficiencies.

The company didn't disclose what type of efficiencies it anticipates or how employees of the two businesses will be affected. However, Sunwing chief operating officer Stephen Hunter said the combined company aims to grow.

"As one of Canada's fastest growing companies with combined revenues of $900 million, along with the improved operational efficiencies, complementary product mix and a growing retail distribution, our business will be well positioned to continue the growth and profitability curve we have achieved over the years," said Stephen Hunter, who will become president and chief executive of Sunwing.

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Cryer adopts baby girl

Recent Emmy winner Jon Cryer has more reason to celebrate. The actor and his wife, Lisa Joyner, have adopted a six-week-old baby girl named Daisy Lee, according to The Insider. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

Eight is enough

TLC has confirmed to the Associated Press that Jon and Kate Plus Eight will be renamed Kate Plus Eight, beginning Nov. 2.

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Along for the ride

Zombieland takes Jesse Eisenberg back to the amusement park

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Jesse Eisenberg is just about fed up with amusement parks. After starring earlier this year in Adventureland as a theme park toiler, the young actor hits theaters this week in Zombieland, which sets its climactic battle beneath ferris wheels and tilt-a-whirls. "It's the most inefficient place to do a movie," he gripes.

"Even if it's a closeup of an actor, if there's a ride in the background doing anything, they have to have extras on it and have it going," Eisenberg explains. "I was tired of it on the first day of shooting." But he hasn't ruled out returning to such a setting in the future. "I'll do whatever they put me in," he says, "but I'd prefer not."

Zombieland opens in theatres this Friday

In Zombieland, Eisenberg plays one of a handful of survivors of a virus that's reduced most of the population to flesh-hungry monsters. "We actually planned the swine flu to coincide with the movie opening," he jokes. "And, you know, there's some collateral damage, but ultimately we'll have a big opening weekend."

Though admittedly not a fan of the zombie genre, Eisenberg was impressed enough by what the writers conjured up to sign on.

"The script was endlessly violent," he says. "All the kills were so creative." But the amount of gunplay involved with playing a survivor of the zombie apocalypse did give him pause.

"I don't really like using guns. I don't want to be promoting violence in a fun way," Eisenberg explains. "There are too many guns in the world, so I don't want to be part of that. But I think the movie is pretty responsible in terms of the values that it promotes."

Still, Eisenberg admits that compromise does have its benefits, as starring in movies like Zombieland can make it easier to get his more personal projects off the ground. For instance, he recently booked the part of Allen Ginsberg in Kill Your Darlings, set in the early days of the Beat Generation. "The Ginsberg movie is so far down the road because it's trying to raise money," he says. "And it's about homosexual beat poets and a murder. It's not the thing investors are jumping at, probably."

But first he's got a more high-profile job to tackle: portraying Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in David Fincher's the Social Network, chronicling the creation of the hugely successful site. Eisenberg hasn't had a chance to chat with Zuckerberg yet, however. "I would like to," he says. "I don't know what I can say. He's not involved in the movie. I suppose if I say anything else, I'll be sued by the movie company and the Internet company."

Jesse Eisenberg stars in Zombieland, which hits theaters this week.

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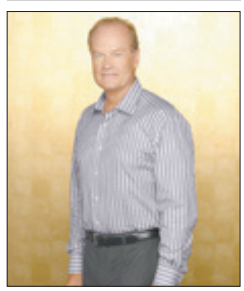
Hank

Emmy winner Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") returns to series television as Hank Pryor, a driven sports retail entrepreneur who is forced to give up his swank New York lifestyle and move his family back to his small Virginia hometown after his company downsizes. Back on his old turf, Hank tries to start over while also reconnecting with his two kids in this new comedy that also stars Melinda McGraw, David Koechner, Jordan Hinson and Nathan Gamble. 8 PM on ABC



Mercy

Veronica and Mike (Taylor Schilling, Diego Klattenhoff) move back in together but realize the house is as much of a mess as their marriage. Sonia (Jaime Lee Kirchner) gets a hunky cop (guest star Charlie Semine) to help her find the identity of an unconscious Jane Doe patient. Chloe (Michelle Trachtenberg) asserts herself to help a patient everyone else had written off. Kate Mulgrew also stars in the new episode "I Believe You Conrad." 8 PM on NBC

DJ AM died of accidental drug overdose

PEOPLE DJ AM died accidentally from a lethal cocktail of prescription drugs and cocaine, the medical examiner's office ruled yesterday. The toxicology report showed the 36-year-old had in his system cocaine, OxyContin, Hydrocodone or Vicodin, antianxiety drugs Xanax and Ativan, Klonopin which also controls anger, Benadryl, and Levamisole, a drug apparently used to cut cocaine. The cause of death was acute intoxication due to the combined effects of the drugs. The celebrity, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, had openly discussed past addictions to crack cocaine, Ecstasy and other drugs.

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Miller joins CSI: Miami
Eleventh Hour's Omar Miller has signed on as a CSI: Miami regular. Starting Monday, Miller will appear as Walter Simmons, a art theft specialist who joins the team led by Horatio (David Caruso), according to The Hollywood Reporter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Freedom in being 'imperfect'

Director tells Mariah Carey to leave diva act at home

Lee Daniels had so much faith in Mariah Carey's acting that when the director's first choice to play a dowdy, no-nonsense social worker — Oscar-winner Helen Mirren — backed out, he quickly asked Carey to step in.

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But Daniels was well aware that in hiring Mariah Carey, the actress, he was also likely to get Mariah Carey, the diva — a high-maintenance sideshow that would include an entourage of makeup artists, assistants, publicists and other hangers-on, running counter to the energy he wanted the superstar to exude in his searing drama Precious. He had cast her as the lead in last year's film Tennessee.

So, as he gave her the role, he also issued a warning: Leave the diva act at home.

"If you come with a strip of makeup on," he recalls telling her, "I will have a backup (actress)."

"I knew that she would be out of her safety zone, and I knew that there would be no one for her to rely on, to say, 'Get me this, get me that,"' he said. "I could see in her eyes— 'What is Lee doing to me?'But I knew that she trusted me."

By putting her faith in Daniels, Carey — who famously flopped in her movie debut Glitter in 2001 — may have finally proven to critics that formidable talent extends to more than just her voice. She's garnered high praise for her turn in the film, which is being released nationwide on Nov. 6.

But more importantly for Carey, the role helped her shed some of the insecurities that not only hindered her in acting, but in her real life.

"That was such a freeing experience for me," Carey says during a recent interview. "By making me look so bad he brought out the ability to never be self-conscious again, and that was a gift that he gave me."

After years of striving to reach an ideal — from her personal life to her music career — Carey, 39, is embracing life's imperfections, an attitude summed up by the title of her latest album, Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel.

Producer Tricky, responsible for hits like Rihanna's Grammy-winning Umbrella, was one of the main writers and producers of the Memoirs of an Imperfect, along with Carey and The-Dream. Tricky says Carey is "is kind of letting people know, I'm not this perfect angel."

But Carey herself points to a something else that shows her new outlook — the fact that she's dropped of one of her most infamous diva demands, that she only be photographed on her right side.

VIFF screening

- Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire screens Wednesday, Oct. 7, and Friday, Oct. 9, at the Empire Granville as part of the Vancouver International Film Festival. Visit viff.org for details.

"I don't feel like, 'Oh, I have to be on this side,' or 'I have to be on this side' — I really had specific things that someone told me when I was 19 starting in the business and I listened to them.

"Sometimes I like that side — and Nick likes that side better anyway," she adds.

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Mariah Carey stars in the drama Precious and has a new album out called Memories of an Imperfect Angel.

Nick, of course, is her husband of almost a year and a half — the actor and producer Nick Cannon. The pair married after dating a little over a month: It was a union few took seriously at first.

That's in part because of the 12-year age gap between them (Cannon is 27), but also because they seemed to come from two different worlds.

"I didn't know what to make of the marriage," said Daniels, a good friend of Carey's, though now he proclaims their bond to be genuine.

"You see her in a place of complete and utter bliss. I want to throw up; I roll my eyes," he says, laughing, before adding with a serious note: "I've seen a changed woman in front of my eyes — you see what love does to someone." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laramie Project epilogue depicts killer as lacking remorse

A decade after The Laramie Project became a theatrical phenomenon, its creators are back with an epilogue highlighted by a riveting prison interview with the killer of gay college student Matthew Shepard — depicting him as candid but not remorseful over the murder.

The new production, which opens nationwide in the U.S. on Monday, Oct. 12 ,at more than 130 theatres, features a segment based on more than 10 hours of face-to-face interviews with convicted killer Aaron McKinney, conducted by Greg Pierotti, a gay actor/writer who helped create the original docudrama.

According to the detailed notes taken by Pierotti and condensed into the new script, McKinney says he had been drawn to crime ever since childhood, feels sympathy for Shepard's parents and expresses regret that he let his own father down.

"As far as Matt is concerned, I don't have any remorse," McKinney is quoted as saying in the script, which was provided to The Associated Press by the production company.

"As far as Matt is concerned, I don't have any remorse." Aaron McKinney

McKinney, according to the script, reiterates his claim that the 1998 killing in Laramie, Wyo., started out as a robbery, but makes clear that his antipathy toward gays played a role.

"The night I did it, I did have hatred for homosexuals," McKinney is quoted as saying. He goes on, according to the script, to say that he still dislikes gays and that his perceptions about Shepard's sex life bolstered his belief that the killing was justified.

McKinney and his accomplice, Russell Henderson, targeted Shepard at a bar in Laramie in part because they assumed he was gay, according to the script.

"Well, he was overly friendly. And he was obviously gay," McKinney is quoted as saying. "That played a part ... his weakness. His frailty. And he was dressed nice. Looked like he had money."

On Oct. 7, 1998, McKinney and Henderson offered Shepard a ride in their car, then robbed and savagely pistol whipped him and left him tied to a fence. The student was found 18 hours later and died in a Colorado hospital on Oct. 12.

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At the root of it

Alt.country trio Avett Brothers shift to spurts of indie rock with ease on latest record

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
For Metro Canada

The Avett Brothers partnered with legendary producer Rick Rubin for their newest release, I and Love and You.

It's rare that a band so deftly combines alt.country sounds with excitable indie rock, but that's exactly what the Avett Brothers have done on their new disc, I and Love and You.

The trio, which includes Scott Avett on vocals and banjo, his brother Seth on guitar and Bob Crawford on bass, doesn't so much combine the two genres together as shift from one sound to the next.

"We grew up on a dirt road away from the city, so country music was always on tap there," says the North Carolina-raised Scott. "But Seth and I were rebelling constantly so we were playing different types of music."

The brothers' first band was a noise-rock group called Nemo, but it wasn't long before Avett turned to the music they heard growing up for inspiration. "We picked up softer instruments so we could trim the fat," says Seth. "Then we realized that we were hiding behind the distortion."

But while the fuzz might be gone, the brash sounds aren't. On Kick Drum Heart the threesome rip through the poppy, piano-based number like classic Ben Folds, while Tin Man's acoustic rock vibe recalls Counting Crows-mixed-with CSNY.

The upbeat tracks are fun to say the least, but it's the slower numbers that really drive the band. January Wedding is an infectious Americana tune; Darkness is a haunting, Will Oldham-like song with political undertones.

It's the folk part of their sound that got legendary producer Rick Rubin to take notice. Rubin heard some of their previous work and invited the band to his house for a chat. "We talked about music and every day things," says Seth. "And about the possibilities of working together."

Seth admits that while he was excited about working with Rubin he was a skeptical. Bands get wooed all the time but nothing comes of it. But after their meeting the Avett Brothers knew it was going to work out.

"When we met him he was just awesome. Very friendly and throughout the process he maintained that with a lot of integrity and taste," Seth explains.

Now that the album is done — and on Rubin's label — the group has started to feel the effects of being on a major; they had previously released a few discs on an indie. The biggest difference is a bigger budget, and that marketing machine that comes with it.

But, while the trio are getting more attention than ever, they're not letting it go to their heads. At 33, Seth's days of wanting to be a rock star are behind him. Now he's making music because he wants to.

"I can remember being 19 and saying to my friends if this doesn't happen by 21 I'm going to quit. Same thing at 24 and 27," he says. "But if I'm an artist and I choose the medium I'm working in what does age have to do with that?"

New album

• I and Love and You is the new album by Avett Brothers.

Jackson's crystal-studded boots fetch $16,000

FASHION Crystal-studded boots that Michael Jackson intended to wear on his planned comeback tour fetched about $16,000 at a celebrity fundraiser chaired by his sister, Janet.

The charity event, held on the sidelines of Milan Fashion Week, attracted such fashion luminaries as Donatella Versace and model Linda Evangelista, as well as rapper and producer Kanye West.

Organizers say the event late Monday netted more than $1.2 million for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), a non-profit organization that supports HIV/AIDS research.

The event included a charity dinner in a central Milan palace and continued into the early hours of Tuesday with French DJ Bob Sinclar serving his famous mixes on an upstairs dance floor.

Michael Jackson's boots were auctioned off in Milan to raise money for AIDS.

"I'd just like to thank everyone here in the global fashion community who've done so much to help amfAR and to support HIV/AIDS research," Jackson told celebrity diners, who paid anywhere from $1,500 to $8,000 apiece to attend the dinner.

"When this terrible pandemic began everyone . . . who was infected died of AIDS. Today with your help millions of people are living with HIV."

She remembered the 5,000 who die of the disease every day.

Evangelista recalled the death of her first booking agent due to AIDS in the early days of the epidemic. "Those were desperate times for so many of us. I watched him die and helped bury him, not understanding any of it," Evangelista said.

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Mr. T banishes the bling
A-Team star Mr. T says he has hung up his trademark gold chains for good as a mark of respect for the victims of hurricane Katrina. The actor — real name Laurence Tureaud — first retired the bling in 2005 after witnessing the devastation in the southern U.S. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Fifty years later, the Zone's message lives on

On a Friday night in October 1959, TV viewers began slipping into a dimension of imagination as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. They've really never returned.

The Twilight Zone has resonated with viewers around the world from generation to generation with memorable stories carrying universal messages about society's ills and the human condition.

Like the time-space warps that anchored so many of the show's plots, Rod Serling's veiled commentary remains as soulbaring today as it did a half-century ago.

"I'm interested in the escapist ideas, the psychological nature of the stories," said Lauren Chizinski of Houston, a Syracuse University student who is taking a class on the show and its 50th anniversary.

The Twilight Zone has been exulted in mediums such as pinball and video games — and The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror ride at Disney theme parks.

The original show led to a feature film by Steven Spielberg and John Landis in 1983. It is reportedly soon to appear again on the silver screen from Leonardo DiCaprio's production company.

"The whole idea of The Twilight Zone ... became a buzzword for something much beyond the TV show itself."
Robert Thompson

It has also been the subject of scores of books, websites, blogs, comic books and magazines.

It has even inspired music from the Grateful Dead, Rush, Golden Earring and Michael Jackson.

The Twilight Zone pioneered a genre, said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

"The whole idea of The Twilight Zone jumped off the television screen and became a catchphrase, a buzzword for something much beyond the TV show itself," Thompson added.

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The Milk of Sorrow
(Peru, 100 min.)
Winner of the Golden Bear for best film at the Berlin festival, Claudia Llosa's striking and supremely stylish drama deals with the aftermath of the war on terrorism through the story of Fausta and her attempts to come to grips with her "illness of fear." <MILKO>

Thu. Oct 1, 11:00am, Granville 7
Sat. Oct 3, 1:00pm, Ridge
Sun. Oct 4, 6:45pm, Ridge

We Live in Public
(USA, 90 min.)
Ondi Timoner's Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winner paints a disturbing portrait of Internet pioneer Josh Harris. Years before social networking and reality television became commonplace, Harris offered volunteers the opportunity to forsake personal boundaries and broadcast their lives. <WELIV>

Thu. Oct 1, 6:30pm, Granville 7
Fri. Oct 9, 1:20pm, Granville 7
Wed. Oct 14, 9:30pm, Granville 7

Mother
(South Korea, 128 min.)
A whole new take on the (sometimes scary) intensity of maternal love in Bong Joon-Ho's triumphant new film. A quack herbalist (Kim Hye-Ja) defies the lazy cops and a corrupt lawyer to solve a murder mystery—and thereby exonerate her imprisoned son (Won Bin). Darkly comic and strangely moving. <MOTHE>

Fri. Oct 2, 3:45pm, Granville 7
Tue. Oct 6, 9:30pm, Granville 7
Mon. Oct 12, 1:20pm, Granville 7

Coopers' Camera
(Canada, 92 min.)
Set in 80s suburbia, Warren Sonoda's film introduces a dysfunctional family whose Christmas disintegrates into madness when a strange (and estranged) uncle (Peter Keleghan) shows up for the holiday. Watch for stand-out performances from The Daily Show's Samantha Bee and Jason Jones. <COOPE>

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Swayze service will be private

A private memorial service for Patrick Swayze — who died Sept. 14 of pancreatic cancer at age 57 — will take place on Sunday at L.A.'s Sony Studios, Variety reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

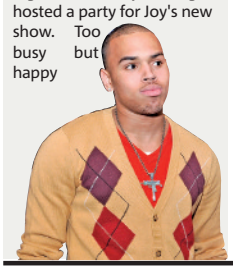
Celebrity tweets

Kristie Alley wants revenge for all the British actors getting parts on U.S. TV, Chris Brown keeps his head up, and Barbara Walters is a busy lady.

• @kristiealley I THINK I WILL JUST MOVE TO ENGLANDIA AND STEAL THEIR ROLES..AND rolls

• @mechanicaldummy STAY POSITIVE THROUGH RUFF TIMEs.negative people wanna see me fall or crack. it wont happen as long as GOD GOT ME AND MY FANS. LOVE YALL

• @BarbaraJWalters Lunched with Prime Minister of Australia. The View is big there. Really At night hosted a party for Joy's new show. Too busy but happy



Spencer Pratt: I am more famous

SAY WHAT? Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian have been dominating all the headlines lately.

But Hills star Spencer Pratt claims he is still more famous than the three reality star sibs, usmagazine.com reports. "Speidi is Barack and Michelle famous, not Kardashian famous!" Pratt, 26, tells the New York Post, comparing his relationship with wife Heidi Montag to the Obamas.

He later added, "The fact that USA Today said we're the third most famous couple in the world after Brangelina and The Obamas is amazing. I don't care what people say about me. It's cool." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Short skirts 'shock' Kelly

THE HORROR Former wild child Kelly Osbourne is growing up fast. The Dancing with the Stars contestant was overhead at a recent party for Teen Vogue telling a pal that she was "shocked" at how short some of the partygoers' skirts were, considering they were so young, according to Page Six. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beautiful Becks want to sound good, too

TALKING TO AMERICANS David Beckham is having elocution lessons to make his voice deeper, female-first.co.uk reports.

The British soccer star has decided to join his wife Victoria and have intensive voice coaching to improve his accent and deepen his high-pitched tones because he thinks it will help him get more work when his sports career is over.

A source told Britain's Daily Star newspaper: "David is quite keen to move into TV work when he finally retires, probably after the next World Cup. He's got the looks and the knowledge, but knows his voice needs work.

"Victoria knows being British can be an asset in the States, but only if the American public can understand what you're talking about."

Earlier this summer, the former Spice Girl embarked on a series of "facial lessons" and voice classes before appearing as a guest judge on TV talent show American Idol.

A source said: "She wanted to come across the best she could on American Idol, so she took some private lessons on how to properly pronounce words and how to make appropriate facial expressions.

"Victoria is famous for her pout, but she herself admitted she wanted to shed that pout for the show to come across more human." METRO NEWS SERVICES

ScarJo stunned she's hitched

ME? MARRIED? NEVER There were plenty of people surprised by Scarlett Johansson's remote Canadian wedding to Ryan Reynolds last September — and you can count Johansson among them, people.com reports.

"I never really thought about getting married — it just kind of happened," the actress, 25, tells Glamour for its November issue, hitting newsstands Tuesday.

"It seemed natural, the right thing to do. It was kind of a celebration of the time."

But Johansson says she likes the feeling, even if she doesn't feel all that different.

"I think the only difference is that I'm kind of making my own little family now, which is funny," she says. "It's like a little bit of a tribe. You hope that a relationship makes you better, that you learn things about yourself."

Other changes could also be on the horizon, she indicated, though she'd first have to overcome a personal hang-up or two. "I would love to work on Broadway, but I don't know that it would manifest itself in musical theater ... I have terrible stage fright that I'd have to get over," she says.

"It came on when I was a teenager, and I think it somehow sticks with you."

As for the future, "You never know. I might open my own bakery!" she says with a laugh before admitting, "The thing is, I don't know how to do anything else, other than things that relate to film ... I don't know anything except for movies, other than some Trivial Pursuit kind of information." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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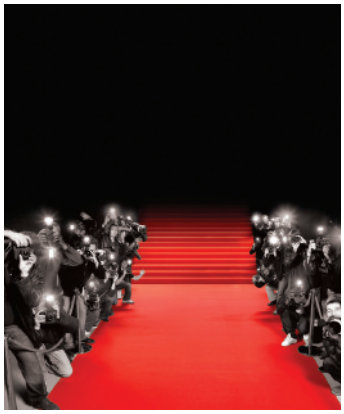

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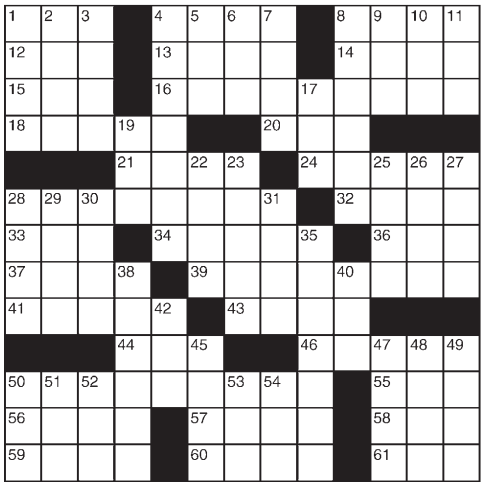

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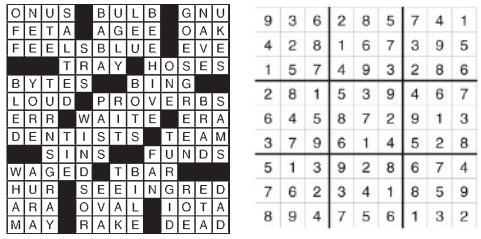

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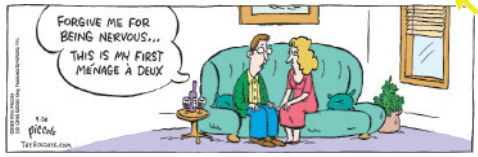

Metro Recipe of the Day

Veggie Brown Rice Wraps

INGREDIENTS:

1 medium red or green pepper, diced
1 cup (250 mL) sliced fresh mushrooms
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
2 cups (500 mL) cooked brown rice
1 can (540 mL) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup (250 mL) frozen corn, thawed
1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped green onions
1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
6 flour tortillas, warmed
1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded cheddar cheese
3/4 cup (175 mL) salsa

METHOD:

1. In large nonstick skillet, sauté red pepper, mushrooms and garlic in oil until tender. Add next seven ingredients. Cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until heated through.
2. Spoon 3/4 cup (175 ml) onto each tortilla. Sprinkle with cheese; drizzle with salsa. Fold sides of tortilla over filling; serve immediately.

SERVES 6

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It will be easier to get along with people if you can get out of the habit of assuming that everyone shares your values and convictions.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Matters of a routine nature seem to be taking up most of your time and, although that might be boring, you should make a good job of them.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun's transit of your fellow Air sign of Libra will smooth your path and help you to find energy and commitment.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Partners and loved ones seem to be demanding more of your time and attention than you want to give but make an effort and do as they ask.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will get the chance to move up in the world socially and professionally over the next few days. It may be a big way or it may be a small way.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Money matters must come first today, and that means, among other things, watching what you say to those who hold the purse strings.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
What is the number one thing you should be doing at this very moment? So why are you not doing it?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You fear the worst for no good reason, but what happens today will convinces you that life is good and getting better by the moment.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Steer clear of other people's emotional problems. No matter how many hints they may drop you must not get involved.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Something you have been striving to master will come right today. Celebrate, by all means, but don't get carried away by your relative success.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun in Libra at this time of year endows you with limitless self-confidence, but there are some interesting challenges coming your way.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Having agreed to help out a friend or a family member you must live up to your promise — and maybe next time you won't promise so much.

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